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ASSIGNMENT : Discuss secondary sources of law in Nigeria, Time New Roman.

Answer.

Secondary sources of law:

A Secondary source is not a law, but instead a commentary on the law. The secondary source might educate you about the law. It may serve as a persuasive authority and might direct you to the primary law. These secondary source are materials written by legal experts and they provide a good overview of the law. The important classes of the leagal secondary source includes;

- a. Looseleaf service
- b. Restatement
- c. Treaties
- d. Periodical articles
- e. Legal encyclopedia e.t.c

The secondary source of the Nigerian law are the indirect ways through which we get our laws. Like stated earlier, the secondary source of Nigerian law are of persuasive authority in the law court. The law report are only authoritatives due to the fact that they serve as vehicles through which judicial precedent is carried. Secondary sources are used in places where there are no

primary source of law to fall on. Example of secondary source in Nigerian law;

1. Casebook
2. Legal dictionaries
3. Law report
4. Newspaper
5. Periodical journals

1. **CASEBOOK;**

Casebook is a compilation of primary and secondary documents relating to a central topic together with scholarly comment, exercise and study aids

Casebook is a type of textbook use primarily by student in law school. Rather than simply laying out the legal doctrines in a particular area of study, a casebook contains except from legal cases in which the law of that area is applied.

2. **Legal dictionaries;**

A legal dictionary is one that contains the definition of legal terms taken from variety of sources. Whenever a person is having an issue with any legal term that is where they are expected to look. The two most commonly used legal dictionaries are Ballentine's law dictionary and Black's law dictionary .

3. **Law reports;**

Law reports are series of books that contains judicial opinions from a selection of case law decided by court. When a particular judicial opinion is referenced, the law report series in

which the opinion is printed will determine the case citation formatting.

4. **Newspaper;**

Newspapers are printed publication consisting of folded unstapled sheets that contains the daily or weekly news, advertisement, correspondence and articles.

A legal newspaper of a country is any newspaper which during a period of a hundred and four (104) consecutive week immediately prior to the news publication of such advertisement: has maintained a paid subscription circulation in the country. An example of these newspaper include: Dailytrust newspaper, Vangerd newspaper, Punch newspaper, e.t.c

Secondary sources are useful for putting the law into context and often will lead a researcher to relevant legislation and cases. Other secondary sources includes:

- Law firm
- Government documents
- Legal education materials e.t.c

REFERENCE:

Dailytrust newspaper

Blacks law dictionary